IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

SHAKEEM ANTONIO BROXTON,

Petitioner,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 4:23-cv-21

v.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.

Respondents.

ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's May 4, 2023 Report and Recommendation, (doc. 12), to which no objections have been filed. After a careful de novo review, the Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge's recommendation. The Court, therefore, **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation, (doc. 12), as its opinion and **DISMISSES without prejudice** Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, (doc. 1), as unexhausted. To the extent that the Petition asserted "tort" claims seeking monetary damages, (see doc. 12 at 2-3), those claims are **DISMISSED**.

Applying the Certificate of Appealability (COA) standards, which are set forth in <u>Brown v. United States</u>, 2009 WL 307872 at * 1-2 (S.D. Ga. Feb. 9, 2009), the Court discerns no COA-worthy issues at this stage of the litigation, so no COA should issue. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1); <u>see Alexander v. Johnson</u>, 211 F.3d 895, 898 (5th Cir. 2000) (approving *sua sponte* denial of COA before movant filed a notice of appeal). And, as there are no non-frivolous issues to raise on

appeal, an appeal would not be taken in good faith. Thus, *in forma pauperis* status on appeal is likewise **DENIED**. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to **CLOSE** this case. **SO ORDERED**, this 9th day of June, 2023.

R. STAN BAKER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA